

**Remarks/Arguments:**

As of the Action, Claims 1-4 are pending in the Application. All Claims stand rejected.

Applicant herein amends Claims 1-4. Applicant has also amended by adding new Claims 5-20.

Applicant submits that all Claims are in condition for allowance. Moreover, Applicant submits that these amendments add no new matter.

In view of the Claims as set forth above and the remarks below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of this Application.

**General Discussion.** The Application relates to a "secure identification protocol for determining authenticity of an object, such as a credit card or other electronic tender, bank cards, cell phones, laptops, etc." The Application, by way of background, notes that security can benefit Web-based applications, examples of which applications include commercial transactions over the Internet, on-line banking and medical transactions. The Application further states that security contemplates authentication, where authentication implicates verifying identity (e.g., as such identity is claimed by a user or thing).

The Application gives an example authentication tool: a token. The Application proceeds to identify problems with a token, e.g., insecurity.

The Application describes and claims alternative security measures and methods to implement such measures, as well as describing/claiming alternative authentication systems and methods.

**Rejection of Claim 1 as Not Tangible.** The Action rejects Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as being not tangible.

Applicant submits that the amendments above render these rejections moot.

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**Rejections of Claims as Anticipated.** The Action rejects all Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ketcham, U.S. Patent No. 6,363,429 ("Ketcham").

Applicant traverses the Action's rejections. Applicant submits that Ketcham, as cited by the Action, is wholly irrelevant to authentication, including as to Applicant's authentication objects and methods. Instead, the Ketcham citations are directed to a method and system for automatically determining priority among data streams in a network so that multimedia data streams are routed with a higher priority, e.g., to decrease the latency associated with delivery of the stream's data packets so as to increase the routing speed of the selected stream to a respective destination.

As such, Applicant submits that the Ketcham, as cited, simply fails to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, all the elements of the rejected Claims.

Even so, Applicant submits that the amendments above render the Action's rejections moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Action's rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

**New Claims.** Applicant has added new Claims. Applicant submits that the Action's citations neither teach nor suggest, alone or in combination, the subject matter of the new Claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the new Claims are patentable over the Action's citations.

### CONCLUSION

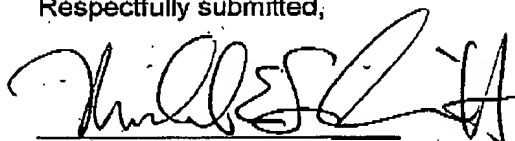
Generally, in this Amendment and Response, Applicant has not raised all possible grounds for (a) traversing the rejections of the Action or (b) patentably distinguishing the new Claims (i.e., over the cited references or otherwise). Applicant, however, reserves the right to explicate and expand on any ground already raised and/or to raise other grounds for traversing and/or for distinguishing, including, without limitation, by explaining and/or distinguishing the subject matter of the Application and/or any cited reference at a later time (e.g., in the event that this Application does not proceed to issue with the Claims as herein amended, or in the context of a continuing application). Applicant submits that nothing herein is, or should be deemed to be, a disclaimer of any rights, acquiescence in any rejection, or a waiver of any arguments that might have been raised but were not raised herein, or otherwise in the prosecution of this Application, whether as to the original Claims or as to any of the new Claims, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce one or more of the original Claims in original form or otherwise so as to claim the subject matter of those Claims, both/either at a later time in prosecuting this Application or in the context of a continuing application.

Applicant submits that, in view of the foregoing remarks and/or amendments, the Application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (including extension fees), additional fees, or underpayments, or to credit any overpayments, to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1001; provided, however, that such fees, underpayments or overpayments must arise solely in connection with this Amendment and Response. Otherwise, the Commissioner should review and follow any authorization previously given by Applicant to

charge certain such fees and credit certain such overpayments to the Applicant's separate  
Deposit Account (No. 14-1270).

Respectfully submitted,



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